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February 15, 1943.

Mr. Roger J. Fulgate,
Defense Health & Welfare Service
501 Bedell Building
Portland, Oregon

(THRU CHANNELS)

Dear Sir:

I have been advised by the Oregon State Defense Council to first contact you relative to a very serious problem we have in Salem in providing service men with sleeping quarters during the times they are on leave from Camp Adair.

I made some personal investigation regarding this problem over the last week end and find that there were approximately five hundred men in Salem who could not find any accommodations for staying over night. As a result, they were forced to stay in bus and railroad waiting rooms and such other places as were available. It is our desire to remedy this problem as soon as possible, but have been advised to contact you before proceeding with any independent plans for Marion County.

I would be pleased if it were possible for you to come to Salem to discuss this matter in detail, preferably some evening when representatives from other interested agencies might also receive the benefit of your advice.

Trusting I may hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Yours very truly,

MARION COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL

Bryan H. Conley, Co-ordinator

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cc Mrs. St. Pierre - 702 Corbett Bldg., Portland

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY
OFFICE OF DEFENSE HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

February 18, 1943

OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Mr. Bryan H. Conley
Marion County Defense Council
Basement Veterans of Foreign Wars Building
Hood and Church Streets
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Conley:

I have your letter in regard to the housing problem caused by the soldier impact in Salem, Oregon. I have been greatly interested in that problem and have attended a number of meetings regarding it.

For your information, Mr. Will Crawford, State Economic Counsel, Capitol Building, Salem, is Chairman of the Salem Soldier Housing Committee. Mr. Crawford got the City of Salem to donate \$6,000.00 to purchase beds and bedding, which were placed as follows: 120 in the St. Josephs Church and 80 in the Y. M. C. A. The USO will act as operators of the housing needs.

The USO has also listed approximately 190 people to provide housing in the homes of Salem.

In speaking to Mr. Crawford yesterday, he informed me that the State Government has released 50 sleeping bags to the Salem USO to help further solve the problem. Plans were also under way in Salem to put beds in the old city hall, but due to certain reasons, I do not believe it will be used.

The Federal Security Agency, at the present time, cannot authorize government funds to help this problem. Anything that is done along this line will have to be by the local community. I have talked to Mrs. St. Pierre and have told her of your problem, and I am sure Mr. Walter May, State Defense Chairman, is also aware of it.

I do not feel that you will ever fully solve this overnight housing in Salem because you have too great soldier impact. I have told the mayor that the only possible solution that I could see for Salem, was to put in a curfew law which would automatically make the soldiers return at a given hour. The mayor did not wish to do this if there were any other way to solve the problem. For your information, all towns in Oregon have that curfew law and it is an Army must when the city council passes any laws of that type.

If there is anything found that I can do, please advise me. May I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Crawford and I believe he can give you a more clear picture.



Sincerely yours,

Roger J. Folgate
Roger J. Folgate
Field Recreation Representative

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OFFICE OF DEFENSE HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES

OFFICE OF THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

February 24, 1943

(thru channels)

Office of Defense Health & Welfare Services
810 Bedell Building
Portland, Oregon

Attention: Roger J. Folgate

Dear Mr. Folgate:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18th, and I desire to thank you for the information contained therein.

The committee about which you speak, I can assure you is doing an excellent job in meeting the problem of soldiers sleeping quarters. The Defense Council will also cooperate in every way in an attempt to aid in solving this problem.

I have been informed that as of this date the Mayor's Committee on soldiers entertainment has presented to your office a plan of proposed repairs and changes in the U.S.O. building in Salem. I can assure you that these repairs and changes are most urgently needed on account of present inadequate facilities aside from sleeping quarters and on account of the large crowds which are now coming to Salem. I would appreciate it therefore, if you could use all means possible to expedite the approval and financing of the changes mentioned in the letter submitted by the Mayor's committee.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,
I am

Very truly yours

MARION COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL

Bryan H. Conley, Coordinator

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cc - Robert R. Boardman



Roger J. Folgate

Nov. 9, 1943

SALEM EMERGENCY HOUSING PLAN

This survey is under the auspices of the Marion County Civilian Defense Council in cooperation with the USO, 693 Chemeketa St., and Billeting Office at the Chamber of Commerce. The above have joined together in a common cause called the Emergency Housing Committee.

The housing for Service Men and their families has reached the point WHERE AN EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS in Salem.

Please get a check list of all available rooms, apartments, and houses and all available equipment that may be used to furnish an apartment or house such as gas stoves, electric plates, beds, furniture, linens, and etc., that are no longer needed in the home. The above articles can either be donated or sold to this emergency cause.

The store room is at Valley Motors Co. located at corner of Center and North Liberty. (THE SOUTH DOOR OF THE SHOW ROOM ON CENTER ST.) It will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily except Sunday. For further information call Lt. Phillips, Billeting Office, Chamber of Commerce, Salem, Oregon. Phone #9229.

Have you an extra sleeping room for a soldiers wife? _____ (Number of rooms available)

If so what do you need in way of furnishings? _____ (List here)

Have you extra rooms that could be made into an apartment? _____ (How many rooms)

What is needed to convert rooms into apartment? _____ (List here)

Have you in your home any of these extra materials so necessary for this emergency. Please look in your pantry and basement. State whether you will donate or sell these articles to the Emergency Housing Committee. Please state price if article is for sale.

Kitchen cooking ware? Frying Pan ____, Tea Kettles ____, Pans ____, Pots ____, Egg Beaters ____, Large Spoons ____, Extra Knives ____, Meat Grinders ____, Toasters ____, Coffee Pots ____, Dishes ____, Gas Plates ____, and Electric Plates ____.

Have you extra Beds ____, Springs ____, Chairs ____, Linens ____, Blankets ____, Mattresses ____.

Have you plumbing parts? Sinks ____, Basins ____, Pipe ____, Conduit ____, etc. _____.